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SUBJECT: ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT ON JOHANES

1. FOLLOWING IS AP WIRELESS STORY RELEASED 7/9/76 18:46 EDT. WE HAVE NOT REPT NOT SEEN ANY COVERAGE IN POST OR TIMES: QUOTE THE RECENTLY APPOINTED CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, JAROMIR JOHANES, WAS CALLED A SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AGENT IN TESTIMONY MADE PUBLIC TODAY BY SENATE INVESTIGATORS.

THE TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN BY FRANTISEK AUGUST, WHO DEFECTED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1969 AFTER WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS 15 YEARS OF ACTIVITY IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

AUGUST TOLD A SENATE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE AT A CLOSED-DOOR HEARING ON APRIL 12 THAT IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT JOHANES HAS BEEN AND STILL IS AN AGENT OF THE KGB, THE RUSSIAN SECRET POLICE. "AS A RULE, ALL CZECHOSLOVAK  
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AMBASSADORS TO ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES WERE KGB

AGENTS," HE TESTIFIED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CURRENT CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO INDIA IS A SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AGENT.

"YOU FEEL THAT HE IS STILL A KGB AGENT AT THIS TIME?" HE WAS ASKED.

"EXACTLY," AUGUST REPLIED.

HE TOLD THE SUBCOMMITTEE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS RESIGNING FROM BEING A KGB AGENT.

AUGUST TESTIFIED THAT AMBASSADOR JOHANES, WHO PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 31, IS A CAREERIST "ABLE TO BETRAY HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS."

SEN. JAMES O. EASTLAND, D-MISS., THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SAID THAT AUGUST'S TESTIMONY ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES AS AN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE IN ENGLAND, THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE CONFIRMED WHAT THE PANEL HAD BEEN TOLD LAST NOVEMBER BY ANOTHER DEFECTOR FROM CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLIGENCE, JOSEF FROLIK.

HE SAID FROLIK'S TESTIMONY "HELPED TO ESTABLISH THAT THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF ALL OF THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES FUNCTION UNDER THE DIRECT GUIDANCE AND CONTROL OF THE SOVIET KGB." UNQUOTE

2. IF CZECHOSLOVAKS RAISE THIS (WHICH THEY SURELY WILL IF IT HITS THE PRESS), YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF CONGRESS AND ITS COMMITTEES. WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ARRANGING AUGUST'S TESTIMONY AND WE WERE UNAWARE THAT IT HAD TAKEN PLACE UNTIL WE SAW THE AP REPORT. KISSINGER

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